

1905-034 Chancery Causes J. R. Lawson vs. Parolee Lawson  
Lee Co.

Waller

CA-Divorce  
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To the Hon H. A. W. Skeen, Judge of the Circuit <sup>court</sup> of Lee  
County Virginia.

The petition of J. R. Lawson a citizen of ~~this~~ County and State  
for more than twelve months next preceeding the institution of this  
suit respectfully showeth: That your petitioner was, on the---day  
of -----190---lawfully joined in marriage to Parolee Law-son  
~~son~~, his-present wife and from that time until the ----day of -----  
-----190---, lived and cohabited with her when she, the said  
Parolee, wilfully and malishously deserted your petitioner without  
any just and reasonable <sup>and have not since cohabited together</sup> cause and hath for a considerable past gi-  
ven herself up to adulterous practices and has been guilty of ad-  
ultery with ~~one~~ Emmett Wallen and Garfield Wallen and severel  
other persons to your petitioner unknown, <sup>on Blackwater in this county</sup>

Wherefore; your petitioner, showing that he is a resident of  
said county and state and has resided therein most all his life;  
prays this Hon. Court that adecree be made forever disolveing  
the bonds of matrimony heretofore existin-g between your petitioner  
and this defendent and for such other further and general relief  
as may be requisite. Andhe will ever pray, Etc.

By W. H. Hoffman  
Attorney.

J. R. Lawson



J. R. Lawson

vs. } Bill-

Parole Lawson.

Filed Apr. 18, 1905.

J. L. Ewing, Clerk.

1905 2<sup>nd</sup> April Rules

Bill filed, & Sp. ex-  
ecuted

" 1<sup>st</sup> May Rules

Cause set for hear-  
ing.

Costs:

Clerk \$4.07

Shiff. --- 1.40

Atty --- 15.00

Com. --- .75

Tax --- 1.50

\$22.82

1900 to 1910



This cause came on this day  
to be heard on the Plaintiff's bill  
and depositions filed therewith,  
and was argued by counsel  
for the plaintiff.

On consideration whereof,  
the court bring up the opinion  
that the charge of adultery against  
the defendant is fully proved,  
doth adjudge, order and decree  
that the marriage heretofore sol-  
emnized between J. R. Lawson  
and Parolie Lawson, he, and  
the same is, hereby dissolved, the  
said J. R. Lawson forever divorced  
from his wife the said Parolie  
Lawson. And the cause is  
ordered to be stricken from  
the docket.



J. R. Lawson  
vs { done

Parole Lawson

May 17th. 1905-

Entered in C.B.

No-8-p-32 re-

Enter this

Lawson

May 17, 1905-



The depositions of Emmet Wallen and others taken, before me Geo. P. Cridlin, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, at the office of Duncan & Cridlin, in the town of Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, on the 10th day of May, 1905, pursuant to notice hereto attached, which depositions are intened to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff, in a certain suit in chancery now depending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, in which J. R. Lawson is plaintiff and Parolee Lawson is defendant:

Present W. K. Hopkins attorney for plaintiff.

Emmet Wallen a witness of lawful age being first duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q. 1.-- Please state your age, residence and occupation.

A.-- I am 23 years old, live on Blackwater, Lee County, Va., and am a farmer.

Q. 2.-- Are you acquainted with J. R. Lawson the plaintiff in this cause, and with Parolee Lawson, his wife, if so please state where J. R. Lawson lives and how long he has so lived?

A.-- I am acquainted with both of said parties, have known them for 8 or 10 years. Mr. Lawson lives on Blackwater, in Lee County where he has lived for three years or more.

Q. 3.-- Does the plaintiff and defendant live together now as husband and wife, if not please state when they seperated, the cause thereof if you know, and whether or not they lived together since that seperation?

A.-- They do not live together now. They seperated twelve months ago or more. I do not know the cause of the seperation, except that she just left him. They have not lived together since that seperation.

Q. 4.-- State if you know of any immoral or adulterous conduct on the part of Parolee Lawson, either before or since her and her husband seperated from each other, and if so tell all about it?

A.-- I never saw any misconduct on her part before she left her husband, but since then I have seen her with another man sitting and talking as though they were courting. Last Monday was a week ago she gave birth to a child, but I do not know who is its father.

It was born more than twelve months after she left her husband, and I have heard that she claims it is not her husband's child,



though I never heard her say so myself. She and her husband never had any children before she left him. I have lived around pretty close to them all the time and I do not know or have never heard of her husband being with her since she left him, so that he might have begotten the child.

And further this deponent saith not.

*this*  
Emmett X Waller  
*Mar*

Garfield Wallen another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- Please state your age, residence and occupation.

A.-- I am 21 years old, live on Blackwater, Lee County, Virginia, and am a farmer.

Q.2. Are you acquainted with the parties in this cause, and if so how long have you known them, and state where Mr. Lawson lives if you know and how long he has so resided.

A.-- I am acquainted with the parties, have known them about 6 years. Mr. Lawson lives on Blackwater, and has lived there about 3 years.

Q.3.-- Do the plaintiff and defendant live together now as husband and wife, if not state when they seperated if you know, the cause of the seperation, and if they have lived together since said seperation.

A.-- They do not live together now. They seperated twelve months ago or longer. I do not know why they seperated. I heard that she just left him. They have not live together since she so left him.

Q.4.-- Do you know of your own knowledge whether or not the defendant has been guilty of adultery since she deserted her husband, if so please state when and where it was and all about it.

A.-- I do know of her being guilty of adultery. It happened last September, on Blackwater in this County. I know of her being guilty of the act more than once. As to stating any further particulars in regard to these acts I claim my privilege not to answer.

Last Monday was a week ago she was delivered of a child, and I have heard her say that her husband was not the father of this child.

And further this deponent saith not.

*this*  
Garfield X Waller  
*Mar*



Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:

I, Geo.P.Cridlin, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, do certify that the foregoing depositions of Emmet Wallen and Garfield Wallen were taken, sworn to and subscribed before me at the time, place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of May, 1905.

Geo. P. Cridlin  
Commissioner in Chancery.



J. R. Lawson  
vs. { In Chy.

Parolee Lawson

Depositions of

Ernest Waller

Karfield Waller

Comm. fee 75c. Paid

Filed May 10, 1905-

S. C. Ewing, Clk.



To Parolee Lawson:

You will please take notice that on the 10th. day of May 1905, between the hours of 8A.M. and 4 Oclock P.M. of said day at the Law Office of Duncan & Cridlin in the town of Jonesville Virginia, I will proceed to take the depositions of Garfield Wallen and Emmett Wallen, which, when taken, are intended to be read as evidence in a certain cause now pending in the Ciecuit Court of Lee County in which I am Plaintiff and You are Defendent and if for any cause the same be not commenced, or if commenced and not concluded on said day, the taking of the same will be continued from day to day at the same <sup>place</sup> and between the same hours until the same is concluded.

This April 20th. 1905.

----- J. H. Lawson -----

by  
2 Counsel



L. R. Lawson  
vs { notice

Parolee Lawson

of May 1903, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 12 M. of said day at the Law Office of Duncan & Criffin in the town of Jonesville Virginia. I will proceed to take the deposition of David W. Waller and Forest Waller which, when taken, are intended to be read in evidence in a certain cause now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County in which I am Plaintiff and you are Defendant and if for any cause the same be not commenced, or if commenced and not continued on said day, the taking of the same will be continued from day to day at the same place between the same hours until the same is concluded. This shall be the same.

Executed by delivering  
a copy of the within  
notice to Parolee

Lawson May 1st 1903

W. A. Owens D.S.

for P. M. Ball D.C.



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the *Sheriff* of the *County* of *Lee*, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon *Eunnet Hallum & Garfield Hallum*

*Geo. P. Cridlin, a Notary Public for Lee County, at Duncan's Office*  
to appear before the Judge of our *County* of *Lee* at  
*in Jonesville, Va.*  
~~the court-house thereof~~, on the *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 190*5*, to testify and the

truth to say in behalf of the *Plaintiff*

in a certain matter of controversy

in our said court, before the said Judge depending and undetermined, between

*J. B. Lawson* Plaintiff,  
and

*Parolee Lawson* Defendant;

And have then there this writ. Witness *A. C. T. Young*, Clerk of  
our said Court, at the court-house, the *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 190*5*, and in the  
12 *9<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*A. C. T. Young, Clerk.*



J. R. Lawson

vs. }

SUBPOENA  
FOR  
WITNESS

Parole Lawson

Lee Circuit Court,  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April  
1905

Executed by summoning  
Ernest Wallen and Infield  
Wallen as directed within  
This April 20<sup>th</sup> 1905  
W. A. Owens, S.  
For P. M. Ball S. C. L.



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

*Parolee Lawson*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on  
the *3rd* Monday in *April*, 190*5*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *her*

*in our said Court by J. R. Lawson.*

And have then there this writ. Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *6th*  
day of *April*, 190*5*, and 1 *29th* year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy, Teste:

*H. C. T. Ewing*, Clerk.

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J. B. Lawson

VS

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SUBPOENA  
IN  
CHANCERY.

Parolee Lawson

W. K. Hopkins p. q

To 2<sup>nd</sup> April Rules.  
Lee Circuit Court.  
1905.

Executed by delivering a  
copy of the within summons  
to Parolee Lawson

This 20<sup>th</sup> 1905.  
W. A. Owens D.S.  
For P. M. Ball S. L. C